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DIARY NOTES

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1. Reading Drew Pearson's column in this morning's paper linking [redacted] with the Agency, I contacted Larry Houston, who after consultation with Jim Garrison
25X1A9a and [redacted] of the CI Staff, briefed the Director on our relationships with this Company. I also asked Larry to prepare a brief factual memorandum so that the Director, General Cabell, and others who might be queried will have the answers readily available.

2. I met with the O & M analysts who will technically be out of a job on the first of June and explained to them the reasons why it was necessary to declare them all surplus to the Administration's Career Service. I also explained that they would all be informally detailed to some component, effective 1 June, but that no formal assignments would be made until the procedures for handling surplus personnel were carried out.

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3. Jim Garrison reported that DPD wanted to wait until the Taylor Committee Report was finished before commenting on the study to determine the feasibility of constructing an [redacted] I told him that I wanted their comments as soon as I could get them so that I could make a report to General Cabell. Regardless of how the Taylor Committee Report comes out, I cannot see this Agency spending between $5 and $15 million to build an [redacted]. 25X1A6a

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4. Jim also queried me as to what he should do with certain property now at the [redacted] which we must do prior to the end of June. I told him that if he would give me a list of the kind of equipment he had in mind I could get an answer for him. 25X1A6a

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5. Mr. [redacted], former Chief of Station at [redacted] was in to visit with me for
25X1A6a a few minutes. He gave me a pretty good rundown of the recent flap in [redacted] in which
25X1A6a one of our Security people, as well as a Case Officer [redacted], was jailed for about a month. He felt that the flap was in no way attributable to our Security representative and also that this individual handled himself quite well while in detention and under interrogation.

6. Emmett Echols reported that a requirement to furnish two messengers to the White House on a nonreimbursable basis for sixty days has been levied on us. I told him to go ahead and get them from whatever component could best spare them.

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7. [redacted] talked to me again about the possibility of finding a job at Head-
25X1A6a quarters for [redacted]. I told him that I thought Emmett had about reached the end of the line without success but that we would wait for a few more days before giving up completely.

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8. I attended the Honor Awards Ceremony at which [redacted] was presented the Intelligence Medal of Merit and also attended a small luncheon which the Director gave in his honor. Unfortunately the Director was detained by the House Foreign Affairs Committee and missed the ceremony completely and was able to meet for lunch only for ten or fifteen minutes. John understood, of course.

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